purview of the Staff Selection Board, in view of the long service and the service within the Municipality that he has put in, sometimes the Chairman might recommend him for special treatment and the Government might sanction it in very exceptional cases.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* So far as that appointment is concerned, the percentage of the various communities will be affected.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot deny that it will affect the percentage to a certain extent. Now the position is all these are classed under menials and promotions from the menial establishment to the ministerial establishment is strictly prohibited, so that hereafter I do not think that this question will arise. Hereafter this question will have only an academic interest, because there will be no promotions of menials to posts within the purview of the Board. Such promotions are now also positively discouraged.

RUBBISH HEAPS NEAR THE TWO TANKS IN WARD No. IV, TRICHUR

34. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in the vicinity of the two tanks in or near Ward No. IV of the Trichur Town rubbish is being heaped;

(*b*) if so, how long has it been done;

(*c*) does not the rubbish heap act as a breeding ground for bacteria and give out bad smell?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For the last 10 years.

(*c*) Particular care is taken to see that the place does not become a breeding ground for bacteria by immediate and timely removal of the rubbish in lorries.

There is, however, a proposal to shift the rubbish depot from this locality.

REFERENDUM WHEN IMPOSING FRESH TAXES

35. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether it is the intention or policy of Government to take referendum of the locality when fresh taxes are to be imposed and then to decide the question?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will all depend upon the circumstances of each case.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether Government follow any special policy with regard to this or there is no logic behind it ? Now it is stated that Government do not follow any particular policy, but that in each case decision will be arrived at according to the circumstances of the case. May I know whether Government do not follow any policy or any logic with regard to the question of taking referendum ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The logic of each case will depend upon the circumstances of each case.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* And which will be decided by the Government and not understandable to the public!

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Of course the referendum will be by the public. Government have to decide considering the circumstances of each case whether a referendum is wanted or not. If the Government are satisfied that a referendum will be necessary, it will be taken.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is any principle underlying the Government's attitude in this matter?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will depend upon the circumstances of each case. There is no definite codified principle.

Mr. President: I think the question has already been answered.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT—ENFORCEMENT OF

36. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the standards of weight and of measures of length and capacity are being used in the whole of the State;

(*b*) whether there are wardens appointed by the Government under the Cochin Weights and Measures Act?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether in the matter of weights and measures, merchants are

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